

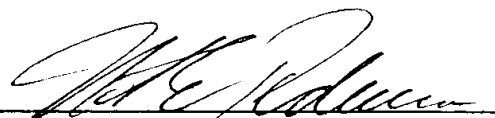
**REMARKS**

The above amendments have been made to add further claims to the application.

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